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JOSEPH AND ANTHONY LIVRERI GUILTY PLEAS

Today **JOSEPH LIVRERI** and **ANTHONY LIVRERI** pleaded guilty for their roles in a bribery conspiracy involving several co-defendants, including former New York City Department of Buildings Commissioner **ERIC ULRICH**. The case against **ULRICH** remains ongoing and is scheduled for trial later in September.

Both defendants pleaded guilty to one count each of Conspiracy in the Fourth Degree, a class E felony; and Bribery in the Third Degree, a class D felony. They will be sentenced on December 10.

Here is a statement from District Attorney Bragg: "Joseph Livreri and Anthony Livreri have admitted to engaging in a bribery and conspiracy scheme that undermined the integrity of city government. In exchange for the bribes they sent to city officials, the defendants sought jobs for themselves and family members and expedited inspections at businesses with health and building code violations. A city cannot deliver for its constituents when this type of blatant corruption occurs, and we will continue to pursue additional accountability at trial."

Here is a statement from DOI Commissioner Nadia I. Shihata: "These two defendants used bribery to gain an array of City benefits, including expedited inspections at commercial businesses, access to senior members of Mayor Adams' administration, and securing a City position for the daughter of another defendant in this case. Joseph and Anthony Livreri's illegal conduct is quintessential public corruption. With today's guilty pleas, they are held accountable. Bribery and corruption have no place in New York City government. I thank the Manhattan District Attorney's Office for its partnership on this significant investigation and for working with DOI to root out corruption in City government."

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